MEMBER SWORN.

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai, Director of Public Health, took the oath and signed the rolls.

Resolution re. Enquiry into Appointments made by the heads of Departments. (contd.)

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, just before the House adjourned I was speaking about the appointments made by the Police Commissioner to which some of the honourable members referred in the course of their speeches. I said that a special circular was issued to the heads of departments pointing out that they can make appointments only temporarily, that even in the case of permanent vacancies they are allowed to fill them only temporarily, and that the appointments which they make temporarily will be subject to review by the Public Service Commissioner. When the Public Service Commissioner begins recruitment, all the appointments which have been made temporarily by the heads of departments will be reviewed by him. Those who could be confirmed in accordance with the rules passed by Government will naturally be confirmed and the others may have to be disbanded and fresh recruits appointed in their places.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: It is said in the rules that all the appointments made after the G. O. will be scrutinised by Government. When that is done and if it is found that some of the heads of departments have given over-representation to any particular community after the G. O., will the Government take steps to rectify the error?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I may point out, Sir, that it is not possible for the heads of departments who have to make appointments temporarily, just to meet the exigencies of the time, to make appointments on the basis of the recruitment rules. I shall explain why. In the case of appointments in the Intermediate Division, according to the rules, 60 per cent. of the vacancies have to be filled on the basis of merit alone and the remaining 40 per cent. on the basis of merit as well as preferment. Certain communities are excluded from the scope of the 40 per cent. recruitment. Now it is not possible for the head of a department to apply these rules when he wants to make the appointment of, say, a clerk temporarily for a month. Not only that. Recruitment in accordance with these rules can best be done by a central authority and not by each individual head of a department. So what is provided for is that, to meet the exigencies of the time, the

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